

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 16, 2006
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7 PM**

Board Members Present: David D. Macy, Chairman
Julie M. Hannum, Clerk
James T. Collingwood

Other Staff Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Recording Secretary

Chairman Macy called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Selectman Collingwood moved to approve the meeting minutes for October 2, 2006, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES – LAND ACQUISITION:

Administrator Weitz read a letter from the Department of Agricultural Resources announcing the intent to purchase an interest in approximately 67 acres of land in Sheffield for agricultural preservation purposes.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES – CERTIFICATE OF NOTIFICATION:

Administrator Weitz read a letter from the Department of Agricultural Resources requesting the Board of Selectmen reduce the notification period for the purchase of the above interest in 67 acres of the Edgerton farm property in Sheffield from 120 days to 60 days. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the notification period to 60 days. Motion carried unanimously.

GRAVEL BED INSPECTION REPORT:

Chairman Macy stated that he would like to have Mrs. Kradel and her representative invited to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss the gravel bed report. Selectmen Hannum and Collingwood were in agreement.

TEMPORARY ROADSIDE EVENT SIGN – SHEFFIELD FRIENDLY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

The Sheffield Friendly Library Association submitted an application to place a sign on the Village Green for the indoor farmer's market on the following dates: November 4, 11, 18 and December 2, 9, 16. The sign will be put up on Saturday morning and will be removed Saturday afternoon after the market. Selectman Hannum moved to grant the permit for the sign pending review of placement by Chief McGarry, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS:

Conservation Commission: Scott Smith submitted his resignation from the Conservation Commission effective immediately. Selectman Hannum moved to accept the resignation and to send a letter thanking Scott for his service, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Health Inspector:

The Board of Health recommended Locke Larkin for appointment as Health Inspector. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Locke Larkin as Health Inspector for the Town of Sheffield, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Center Building Committee:

A list of potential members of the committee was reviewed. The appointment of the committee will be on October 23, 2006 at 4:50 p.m. Administrator Weitz gave an update on progress with designer for Senior Center.

Alternate Delegate to Berkshire Regional Planning Commission:

The Planning Board recommended Bill Gillooly for appointment as Alternate Delegate to Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Bill Gillooly as Alternate Delegate to Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Agricultural Commission Alternate:

Selectman Hannum stated that there is room for one alternate on the Agricultural Commission and David Smith Sr. expressed an interest for serving on the Commission. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint David Smith Sr. as Agricultural Commission Alternate, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Selectman Hannum gave an update on the MMA's 6th grade essay contest. She will be addressing the 6th grade on October 24th and has invited municipal officials from the other member towns to also attend.

Selectman Hannum reminded everyone that the Library's Author Day would be November 4, 2006.

Selectman Hannum would like to invite the Chairman from the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area to attend a future meeting along with the Historical Society to discuss their program.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carl Schumann continued the discussion on the appointment of a Building Committee for the Senior Center.

Vito Valentini inquired about flooding the pavilion at the Town Park for skating rink. Discussion ensued regarding the rink. Administrator Weitz will follow up on the skating rink.

Administrator Weitz gave an update on the parking area. Gravel has been added and it will sit for the winter. In the spring/summer a walkway, planting and paving will be completed.

Selectman Hannum asked to have the following posted for anyone interested in serving on these boards or commissions:

Conservation Commission

Board of Health

Parking Lot Ad Hoc Committee

Selectmen Hannum moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard, Recording Secretary